the caption "Homoeopathic drugs useful in birth control"; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to propagate this system of medicine in the country for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy was involved in identifying an effective anti-fertility Homoeopathic medicine from 1972 to 1987. There was no success and the effort was abandoned for want of any promising lead.

Tamils killed by IPKF in Sri Lanka

*26. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alia* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of Tamils killed by IPKF in Sri Lanka till the 31st March, 1989; and

(b) whether Government gave any compensation to the Tamils who lost their lives in the IPKF operations in Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Whenever encounters take place in heavily populated areas, the possibility of civilians getting killed cannot be discounted. It is not practical to determine their number.

(b) Does not arise, in view of reply to (a).

Recognition to the University College of Medical Sciences, Delhi

*80. SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the teachers and students of the University College of Medical Sciences in Delhi had started an agitation and had gone on strike in recent weeks on the ground that the Indian Medical Council did not give recognition to that college;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in the matter;

(c) whether the college was de-recognised in 1985 and that students were awarded degrees even after that;

(d) if so, what were the reasons for which the students were admitted to the college while there was no recognition from the Indian Medical Council for the College;

(e) what were the reasons for which steps were not taken during the last four years to get recognition for that College from the Indian Medical Council; and

(f) what steps are being taken to ensure that the career of students pursuing the MBBS course does not suffer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SARAJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (f) The students of the University College of Medical Sciences were on strike for about 10 days in the month of March, 1989. The teachers were not on strike. They, however, supported the cause of the students who were demanding permanent recognition to the University College of Medical Sciences.

The issue was taken up with the Delhi University which runs the College as well as with the Delhi Administration. The Lt. Governor had taken a meeting with representatives of Government of India, Delhi University, Medical Council of India and College and Hospital authorities as well as the representatives of the